# EAGLE VIEW

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT



## Preparing for the Future: New NCCU Pre-Alumni Club



Pre-alumni club leadership committee recruits new members during a membership recruitment event.

A new campus organization has emerged. It is centered on helping students to become the most important constituents of NCCU, alumni.

NCCU Office of Alumni Relations, recognizing the need to foster a relationship with current students, gave birth to the NCCU Pre-Alumni Club. The goal is also to promote and enhance university pride and build a culture of student philanthropy to advance NCCU.

The Pre-Alumni Club introduces students to the role of alumni and helps bridge the relationship between students and alumni, helping them get connected before they graduate. The club will help ensure that the next generation is ready to embrace its important role.

Alumni are encouraged to participate in the organization. They can offer

their own philanthropic gift of time by assisting students in similar career paths, doing community service and attending meetings and events.

Members of the Pre-Alumni Club are actively engaged in activities that serve to promote unity among students and alumni. The organization meets semi-monthly during the academic year and is led by Lauren Pinckney '13, president, and Alphonso McEntire '11, vice president.

The Pre-Alumni Club received the 2010-2011 New Student Organization award during the annual Student Leadership Awards. Student leaders in the organization will work over the summer to plan fall events, including a "Tuition Runs Out Day," to help students understand the importance of private gifts and alumni-student meet-and-greets.

## Annie Day Shepard Scholars Program

This fall, the Women's Center will welcome its first class of Annie Day Shepard (ADS) Scholars. The four-year program will invite 50 first-year women to join the program, which will inspire and support them to become engaged, confident and connected leaders in the NCCU community and beyond.

The selected students will be part of the ADS Scholars living and learning community in McLean Hall and attend weekly workshops, working with upperclassmen, staff and alumnae mentors. Students will also participate in cultural excursions and community service initiatives.

For more information about the program please contact Chimi Boyd-Keyes, director, Women's Center, at <cboydkeyes@nccu.edu> or 919-530-6811. The Women's Center at NCCU welcomes any alumnae who would like to assist in the new ADS Scholars program or other office initiatives.



## 2011 Women of Note: Call for Nominations

The Women's Center of NCCU will begin seeking nominations for its annual Women of Note Awards banquet on July 1. This year they will honor amazing alumnae who exemplify excellence in their community and profession. The awards include the "Heroine Award" for a woman who has been an astounding trailblazer in her profession and the "Unsung Leader Award" for a woman who has done remarkable things in her community and has gone unnoticed.

For more information contact Chimi Boyd-Keyes, Women's Center Director, at cboydkeyes@nccu.edu or 919-530-6811.

## Chidley Hall North



In August, the brand new Chidley Hall North will open for students, replacing the former Chidley Annex on the same site. The 135,000-square-foot residence hall will house more than 500 students in hotel-like living arrangements. It will include a kitchen and study room on each floor, along with a computer lab and offices for staff and housekeeping.

The design of the building is consistent with the architecture of Chidley Main. The Chidley complex also features a courtyard with two large oak trees between the buildings, with landscaping that includes engraved bricks recognizing alumni donors.

Alumni are invited to attend the official ribbon-cutting in late September.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**June 1**, 6:30 p.m., NCCU Northern Piedmont Alumni Chapter Meeting, Children's Home, Oxford. Contact: James Wall, <jwallsr2@yahoo.com>.

**June 4**, 8 a.m., NCCU Alumni Association Planning meeting, Alfonso Elder Student Union

**June 4**, 9 a.m., NCCU Raleigh Wake Alumni Chapter hosts 2011 Triangle HBCU Annual Alumni Softball Tournament, Parrish Womble Park, Holly Springs, Contact: Mona Parks, <mona.parks@talecris.com>.

**June 9**, 6:30 p.m., NCCU Charlotte Alumni Chapter meeting, Dowd YMCA, 400 E. Morehead St., Charlotte. Contact: <Charlotte@nccualumni.com>

**June 9**, 7 p.m., NCCU Greensboro Alumni Chapter meeting, Vance Chavis Library, 900 S. Benbow Road, Greensboro. Contact: Robert Chiles, 336-273-3241, <rschiles@aol.com>

**June 10**, 1:30 p.m., Eagle Women's Basketball Golf Tournament, Highland Creek Golf Club, Charlotte. Contact: Leah Frierson, 919-530-7052, <a href="mailto:slife">slife</a> each Golf Club, Charlotte. Contact:

**June 11**, 1 p.m., NCCU South Florida Alumni Chapter Annual Golf Tournament, Woodmont Country Club Cypress Court, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Contact: Cliff Outlaw, 954-755-1581, <nccuaasfc@bellsouth.net>

**June 11**, 1:30 p.m., NCCU Philadelphia Alumni Chapter meeting and End of Year Luncheon, Grace Tabernacle Christian Church, 6122-26 Greenway Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. Contact: Gwendolyn Ricks, 215-242-1577

**June 11**, 4 p.m., NCCU New Jersey Alumni Chapter meeting, S.T. Allen Realty Company, 336 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair, N.J. Contact: Betty Holloway, 973-744-3435, <NewJersey@nccualumni.org>

June 11, 4 p.m., NCCU Richmond-Petersburg Alumni Chapter annual cookout, 7200 Dorey Park Drive, Richmond, Va. Contact: David Avery, 804-748-4186, <RichmondPetersburg@nccualumni.org>

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**June 13-16**, 8:45 a.m., NCCU Men's Basketball Day Camp, McDougald-McLendon Gymnasium; registration at 8 a.m. Contact: Levelle Moton, 919-530-6012

**June 15**, 7 p.m., NCCU Fayetteville Alumni Chapter meeting, Smith Recreation Center, 1520 Slater Ave., Fayetteville. Contact: <fayetteville@nccualumni.org>

**June 16**, 6 p.m., NCCU Nash-Edgecombe Alumni Chapter meeting, OIC One Senior Citizen Center, 721 Pennsylvania Ave., Rocky Mount. Contact: Kay Thomas 252-977-3451, <NashEdgecombe@nccualumni.org>

**June 18**, 2 p.m., NCCU Johnston County Alumni Chapter meet-and-greet, Johnston Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 1691 Barbour Mill Road, Clayton. RSVP by June 1 to Margaret Barbee, 919-585-2934

**June 19**, (time TBA), NCCU Los Angeles Alumni Chapter meeting, Lucy Florence Coffee House, 3351 W. 43rd St., Los Angeles, Calif. Contact: Rufus Washington 714-235-2590, <rwashington77@yahoo.com>

**June 19**, 2 p.m., NCCU Metropolitan St. Louis Chapter meeting, Contact: James Murray, <StLouis@nccualumni.org>

**June 22**, 7 p.m., NCCU Detroit Alumni Chapter Meeting, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 East Warren Avenue, Detroit, MI, Contact: Edmund P. Lewis, Jr., 919-225-0142, <edmundplewis@gmail.com>

**June 23**, 9 a.m., NCCU Board of Trustees Meeting, William Jones Building, Emma Marable Conference Room

June 25, 8:30 a.m., NCCU Greater Atlanta Alumni Chapter 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk Scholarship Fundraiser, Grant Park, Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Keith Sexton, 678-521-6535, <Keith Sexton@aol.com>

**June 25**, 10 a.m., NCCU Metro DC Alumni Chapter annual cookout, Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, 901 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, D.C. Contact: Calvin Kearney, 202-543-9899, <calvinkearney@yahoo.com>

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## Alumni Habitat Build Day Complete

Thank you to alumni and friends who came out to leave a living legacy for Norma Smith and her family. On Saturday, May 7, alumni landscaped, planting trees and flowers at the third Eagle Habitat home, at 808 Colfax St. Ms. Smith and her family are planning an early June move-in date.





### Alumni Accolades

Tyronna Hooker '93, 2011-12 North Carolina Teacher of the Year

#### **Alumni Profiles:**

Janita Allen '96, Granville County Teacher of the Year; Jason Jowers '07, Durham Public Schools Teacher of the Year 2011

## Hagan, Price Lead Economic Development Workshop at **NCCU**



More than 200 people gathered on the campus of North Carolina Central University in May for an economic development workshop organized by the university, and by U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan and U.S. Rep. David Price.

The agenda could be summed up in a single word: Jobs. The intention was to gather in one place groups and individuals with the potential to create jobs — particularly businesses and nonprofits — and connect them with groups and individuals who could help them find the money to do it. In the latter category were representatives of federal and state agencies, foundations, lenders, and an assortment of public and private experts in business development and funding.

## Garmon-Brown is Woman of the Year

NCCU alumna Dr. Ophelia Garmon-Brown '72 was recently named Charlotte's Woman of the Year for her commitment to caring for the physical and spiritual sides of people in both Charlotte, Africa and the Caribbean region. Dr. Garmon-Brown grew up in Detroit and decided at a young age that she wanted to help people heal after losing her father to encephalitis when she was just 2 years old.

Her commitment to caring for others has taken her to Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, Guyana, Jamaica and other locales in the United States as a medical missionary. In Charlotte she serves as vice president of Community Partnerships with Novant Medical Group, chair of the Presbyterian Hospital Ethics Committee and a member of the Executive Committee of Presbyterian Hospital as well as Novant Medical Group. In 2007 she completed a master's of divinity degree at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education and is currently an associate minister of Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte.

Dr. Garmon-Brown completed her bachelor's degree in biology at NCCU and her medical degree at UNC - Chapel Hill. She graduated from UNC with honors in 1980 and began her residency in family practice at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, where she became the first African-American female resident.

### Centennial Docents

The Centennial Docents are trained to provide tours of the Shepard House, Centennial Garden and Centennial Chapel. To arrange a tour, please call (919) 530-6363.



The Centennial Docents with Board of Trustees members

## It's time to plan for Fall Football



#### **PURCHASE TICKETS**

Make plans this fall to join head football coach Henry Frazier III when he takes the gridiron for his first season at NCCU. Order your season tickets today. Returning for the 2011-12 season is the All-Access card. Two plans are available:

\$210 – includes reserved seating for all home football and basketball games

\$130 – includes reserved seating for five NCCU home football games: Elon on Sept. 17, Savannah State on Sept. 24, Morgan State on Oct. 15, Bethune-Cookman on Oct. 29 (Homecoming) and Florida A&M on Nov. 12.

Individual tickets are also on sale. For more information and to purchase your tickets visit <nccueaglepride.com> or call the NCCU Ticket Office at 919-530-5170.

#### MAKE TRAVEL PLANS FOR THE CLEVELAND CLASSIC

North Carolina Central University and Central State
University have been invited by the Greater Cleveland Sports
Commission to kick off the first annual Cleveland Classic
football game on Sept. 10 at Cleveland Browns Stadium. A full
weekend of events is planned, including the marching band
halftime show, college and career fair, step show and pregame
festivities. Stay tuned for alumni hospitality and other NCCU
events.

Tickets will be available at the NCCU Tickets office. Watch your email for more details.

Make your reservation at the official NCCU Alumni hotel.

Embassy Suites Cleveland Downtown 1701 East 12th St. Cleveland, OH 44114

216-523-8000, request North Carolina Central Alumni Group Rates: \$99 per night single and double, \$109 triple; \$129 quad Reserve by August 10 or until the block is filled. Available Sept. 9 and 10, the rate includes a nightly manager's reception and full cooked-to-order breakfast.

For more information visit <clevelandclassicfootball.com>.

#### **TAILGATING I ALUMNI HOTELS**

Great ready for food and fellowship when the mighty Eagles take the gridiron this fall. The NCCU Alumni Association will host alumni activities surrounding the following games:

South Carolina State on Oct. 8 (Orangeburg, S.C.) Morgan State on Oct. 15 (home) Hampton on Oct. 22 (Hampton, Va.) Florida A&M on Nov. 12 (home) NCA&T on Nov. 19 (Greensboro)

Details will be available in early August.

Official alumni hotel blocks have been established for the following games:

#### **Rutgers**

Hampton Inn 255 Davidson Ave. Somerset, NJ 08873 732-563-1600, request NCCU Reserve by July 29 or until filled.

Rate: \$119 per night, includes complimentary breakfast buffet, available Aug. 31-Sept.1

#### **South Carolina State**

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
8105 Two Notch Road
Columbia, SC 29223
803-736-5600, request NCCU Alumni Group
Reserve by September 10 or until block is filled
Rate: \$94 per night, includes 2 complimentary breakfasts per room, available Oct. 7 and 8

#### **Hampton**

Courtyard Marriott Newport New Airport 530 St. Johns Road Newport News, VA 23602 757-842-6212, request NCCU Alumni Reserve by August 1 or until filled. Rate: \$109 per night, available Oct. 21.

#### **Delaware State**

Hampton Inn Dover
1568 North Dupont Highway
Dover, DE 19901
800-230-4134, request NCCU Alumni
Reserve by October 4 or until block is filled
Rate: \$99 per night, available Oct. 4-5

#### NC A&T

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
3030 Highpoint Road
Greensboro, NC 27403
336-292-4004, request Eagles NCCU Alumni
Reserve by Oct. 18, Rate subject to change without notice
Rate: \$99 per night, available Nov. 18.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 25, 11 a.m., NCCU New York City Metropolitan Alumni Chapter Soar with the Eagles Day, Belmont Park, 2150 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont, N.Y., Contact: Sojourner Greer, 917-603-6908, <greersojo@yahoo.com>

June 25, 8 p.m., NCCU Charlotte Alumni Chapter hosts Summer Solstice: All White Summer Fling, The ArtHouse, 3103 Cullman Ave., Charlotte. Tickets \$15. Contact: Ernest Brown 704-583-0661 or 803-372-9222

June 30, 6 p.m., NCCU Raleigh/Wake Alumni Chapter Meeting, Chavis Community Center, 505 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Raleigh. Contact: Robin Greene, <rgreen@nccuraleighwake.org>

July 14, 7 p.m., NCCU Charlotte Alumni Chapter Monthly Meeting, StrikeCity Bowling – EpiCenter, 210 E Trade Street, Suite D-164, Charlotte, NC, Contact: <Charlotte@nccualumni.com>

July 16, 8:30 a.m., Robert "Stonewall" Jackson Legacy Golf Classic, Winston Lake Golf Course, Winston-Salem, NC, For more information, visit <www.rejlegacygolfclassic.org>

**July 21**, 6 p.m., NCCU Nash-Edgecombe Alumni Chapter Meeting, OIC One Senior Citizen Center, 721 Pennsylvania Avenue, Rocky Mount, NC, Contact: Kay Thomas, 252-977-3451, <NashEdgecombe@nccualumni.org>

July 22, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Alumni Day of Service (on campus)

July 22, 1 – 4:30 p.m., Officer Training and Student Recruitment Training (on campus)

July 22, 5 – 7 p.m., Member and Volunteer Recognition Reception (on campus)

July 23, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Annual/Council Meeting: "Two Meetings in One" (\$35), Hilton Durham on Hillsborough Road.

July 23, 6 – 7 p.m., Awards Reception, follow by the Alumni Awards Dinner (\$45), Hilton Durham on Hillsborough Road.

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#### **FEATURED PHOTO**



On April 15, Carol Kamara '72 attended a White House reception with President Obama. She described the experience as "a fantastic opportunity of a lifetime and quite phenomenal." She added, "History, for me, was established in my meeting the first African-American president during his first term of office." The reception brought together community leaders from across the country for a meeting with the president and a briefing from the deputy director of the White House Office of Public Engagement.

## Annual Fund | Make Your Year-end Gift

NCCU's fundraising total of \$6.2 million for the 2010 fiscal year was the best among all HBCUs in the state, according to figures compiled by the Council for Aid to Education. The total placed NCCU ahead of N.C. A&T (\$4.0 million), Winston-Salem State (\$3.0 million) and Fayetteville State (\$1.6 million). It was also ahead of several non-HBCU institutions in the UNC system, including UNC–Wilmington, UNC–Asheville, and Western Carolina.

This year more than ever, we need your support. Make your gift at <www.nccu.edu/donation> before June 30. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

## Lewis, Anderson address graduates at dual commencement ceremonies

NCCU awarded 264 master's degrees and 170 law degrees on Friday, May 13, in the first of two spring commencement ceremonies. It was the first time the university held a separate ceremony for graduate and professional students.

Dr. Norman B. Anderson, a 1977 NCCU graduate who is CEO of the American Psychological Association, delivered the commencement address in McDougald – McLendon Gymnasium. He congratulated the graduates, and urged them to "embrace the right mindset" as they venture into "a world that is complex and unpredictable."

Those with a "growth mindset," he said, embrace challenge and learn from failure.

"Some of you will fail repeatedly," he said, "but with a growth mindset you can fail well. You can use failure as an opportunity for further growth."

At the ceremony the next morning in O'Kelly – Riddick Stadium, the university awarded 550 bachelor's degrees. In a rousing address, U.S. Rep. John Lewis, the famed civil rights leader, challenged the graduates to "get into good trouble."

Lewis was 15 in 1955 when Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Ala., for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man. The subsequent bus boycott was led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"I heard about Rosa Parks," Lewis said. "I was inspired by Dr. King. I got into trouble. I got into good trouble. ... We marched. We were beaten on the bridge in Selma. We didn't give up. We put our bodies on the line." And now, he told the graduates, "It's your time to lead."

Much work remains, he said, "to create a society at peace with itself." And so, he instructed the graduates, "Find a way to get in the way. Find a way to get into good trouble."

## Thank you!

We appreciate alumni and friends who have volunteered their time and expertise. Last year, the estimated dollar value of volunteer time was \$21.36 per hour. Thank you for your commitment to Truth and Service. The volunteers below have provided countless hours to help advance North Carolina Central University. Activities include but are not limited to Open House, Commencement, Pre-Alumni Events, new graduate event, Motivational Task Force and more.

Darrell E. Allison '94
Roderick G. Allison '95
Roxana M. Alston '91
Sandra Rogers Alston '66
Yvonne H. Anderson '93
David L. Anderson
Kimberly Bailey '95
Donald Barringer '02
Doris Bass-Glenn
Frankie H. Bates '77
Gregory L. Battle '89
Jacqueline Brodie '71
Joanna Brodie

Renetta Bryant-Mills '86 Timmy Butler '80 Teccara M. Carmack Renee Clark '06 Kathy Cole '98

Scottye Brown

E'Vonne C. Coleman '76 Jerome Commander '87 Glen E. Cooper '61 Samuel Cooper '80 Stephanie Cooper Jerry M. Corbett '99 Robert J. Corbett Jr. '00

Christal Corey
Dimitrus Culbreath '84
Yolanda Banks-Deaver '87
James C. Dockery '80
Carmen F. Dorsey '72
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Floyd Ferebee '66
Barbara Gibson '84
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Shannon Morgan '06 Juanita B. Bassenburg '76

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Jason Rutherford
Byron G. Scott '77
Terrence Sembly '87
Rodney Sessoms '84
Brenda Sexton '71
Belinda R. Shannon
Freda B. Shipman '83
Lisa H. Simpson
Ellis H. Smith '61
Reginald K. Smith '82
Shirley Taylor

Tasha Thompson '94
Angela Wall '89
George Wallace '72
Kenneth Watson, Jr. '10
Peggy Watson-Alexander '70

Ruth Joy Watts Morty Webber Linwood Webster '91 Thomasina Wilkins '76 Aubrey Williams '90 Quan Williams '76 Muriel Wight '86

Give the gift of time and volunteer today! For more details and to be added to our volunteer list, please Email alumnivolunteers@nccu.edu or call 919-530-7830.

Please pardon our omission if your name was not listed. Please inform us of our oversight.